

## **IC 27-2-14**

### **Chapter 14. Vehicle Theft Reporting**

## **IC 27-2-14-1**

### **Definitions**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter:

"Authorized agency" means the state police, the prosecuting attorney responsible for prosecutions in the county where the theft occurred, or any law enforcement agency.

"Insurer" means an insurance company.

"Relevant" means information having any tendency to make the existence of any fact that is of consequence to the investigation or determination of an allegedly fraudulent vehicle theft claim more probable or less probable than it would have been without the evidence.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.246, SEC.1.*

## **IC 27-2-14-2**

### **Fraudulent claims; notification by insurer**

Sec. 2. If an insurer has reason to believe that a vehicle theft claim made by an insured is fraudulent, the insurer shall:

- (1) notify, in writing, an authorized agency of the suspected fraudulent claim; and
- (2) provide the agency with all material developed from the insurer's inquiry into the claim.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.246, SEC.1.*

## **IC 27-2-14-3**

### **Investigative agencies; disclosure of information or evidence by insurer**

Sec. 3. An authorized agency charged with the responsibility of investigating a vehicle theft may, in writing, require an insurer investigating that loss to release to the requesting agency any or all relevant information or evidence considered important to the authorized agency including:

- (1) pertinent insurance policy information relevant to the theft under investigation and any application for that policy;
- (2) policy premium payment records;
- (3) history of previous claims made by the insured; and
- (4) material relating to the investigation, including:
  - (A) statements of any person;
  - (B) proof of loss; and
  - (C) other evidence relevant to the investigation.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.246, SEC.1.*

## **IC 27-2-14-4**

### **Release of information to other agencies; reciprocal disclosure to insurer; immunity from civil or criminal liability**

Sec. 4. (a) An authorized agency provided with information under this chapter may release or provide that information to any other

authorized agency to further its investigation.

(b) An insurer providing information to an authorized agency under section 2 or section 3 of this chapter has the right to request and to receive from that agency relevant information. The agency shall provide the requested information within a reasonable time, not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the request.

(c) An insurer (or a person acting on its behalf) or an authorized agency that releases or provides evidence or information under this chapter is immune from any civil or criminal liability for providing such evidence or information.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.246, SEC.1.*